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1. In connection with Senator Knowland's letter to the Director of 29 May 1954 and General Cabell's reply of 11 June 1954 concerning [redacted]

[redacted] memorandum on [redacted] which was issued on 29 September 1953. The Senator thanked us for bringing this matter to his attention.

2. Mr. Julius Cahn, Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Chairman Wiley, informed me that they plan to issue as a Committee print a study of the Soviet use of Tass for espionage and illegal activities. He plans to expand this memorandum to include commercial organizations such as Amtorg. In addition, Mr. Cahn plans to ask the Library of Congress to prepare a chronology of international Communist developments, particularly indicating changes in the Communist Party line.

3. Mr. Cahn also pointed out to me that there were many times when CIA was attacked without a chance for defense. He stated that Chairman Wiley would be glad any time at our request to propound a mutually agreeable series of questions and answers which might be helpful to CIA in a given incident. Mr. Cahn suggested the case of [redacted] as a case in point. I informed him that I was indeed grateful for this offer, which we might at some point have occasion to use and that we also felt that the Senate Armed Services Committee had a strong jurisdiction in matters of this kind.

4. The President has signed S. J. Res. 96 (P.L. 558) to establish a Commission on the Governmental Use of International Telecommunications. The Senate has approved an appropriation of \$125,000 for the Commission, and extended its life one year to 31 December 1955.

5. The Senate has also approved the addition of \$200,000 for the Clark Task Force of the Hoover Commission investigating CIA. These funds, if approved in Conference, are in the Supplemental Appropriation Bill, 1955.

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